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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present application, please  
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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2. (Twice amended) A communication network for the  
transmission of data within and between one or more remote data  
processing subsystems, at least one intermediate data collecting  
subsystem and at least one central subsystem forming a tiered  
architecture wherein each said at least one central data processing  
subsystem communicate with a corresponding some of said at least  
one data collecting subsystem and each of said at least one data  
collecting subsystem communicate with a corresponding some of said